



Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

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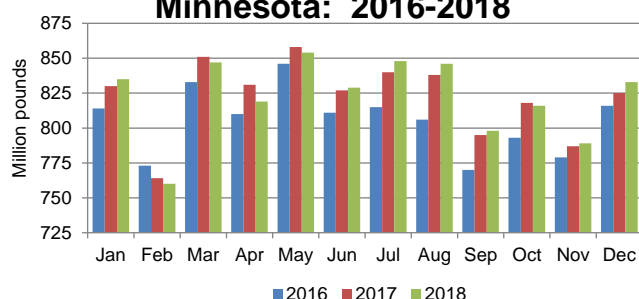
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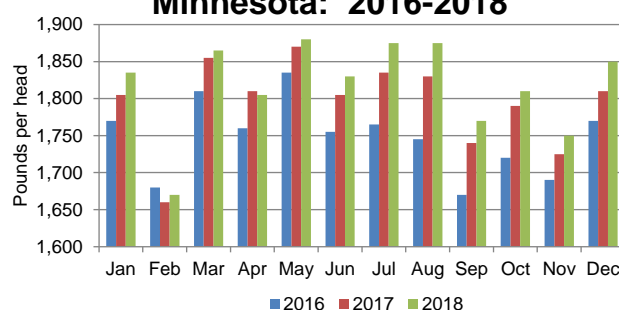
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Milk production in Minnesota during December 2018 totaled 833 million pounds, up 1 percent from the previous December according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during December, at 450,000 head, was down 1,000 from last month and down 6,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,850 pounds, up 40 pounds from last December.

**Milk Production
Minnesota: 2016-2018**



**Milk Production per Cow
Minnesota: 2016-2018**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: December 2017 and 2018

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	Change from 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	203	205	2,110	2,060	428	422	-1.4
California	1,741	1,730	1,935	1,980	3,369	3,425	1.7
Colorado	166	178	2,225	2,195	369	391	6.0
Florida	124	116	1,675	1,665	208	193	-7.2
Idaho	600	614	2,010	2,060	1,206	1,265	4.9
Illinois	93	85	1,770	1,750	165	149	-9.7
Indiana	187	181	1,900	1,890	355	342	-3.7
Iowa	220	220	2,010	2,005	442	441	-0.2
Kansas	153	161	1,965	1,970	301	317	5.3
Michigan	428	422	2,180	2,205	933	931	-0.2
Minnesota.....	456	450	1,810	1,850	825	833	1.0
New Mexico	332	325	2,075	2,060	689	670	-2.8
New York	625	625	1,950	1,990	1,219	1,244	2.1
Ohio	264	253	1,740	1,740	459	440	-4.1
Oregon	124	125	1,675	1,735	208	217	4.3
Pennsylvania	525	505	1,735	1,695	911	856	-6.0
South Dakota.....	118	122	1,865	1,900	220	232	5.5
Texas	515	542	2,000	1,990	1,030	1,079	4.8
Utah	97	100	1,935	1,920	188	192	2.1
Vermont	128	126	1,775	1,785	227	225	-0.9
Virginia	87	79	1,680	1,620	146	128	-12.3
Washington	274	280	1,975	2,025	541	567	4.8
Wisconsin	1,276	1,271	1,990	2,025	2,539	2,574	1.4
23-State Total.....	8,736	8,715	1,943	1,966	16,978	17,133	0.9

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 17.1 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from December 2017. November revised production at 16.4 billion pounds, was up 0.8 percent from November 2017. The November revision represented a decrease of 3 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,966 pounds for December, 23 pounds above December 2017. This is the highest production per cow for the month of December since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.72 million head, 21,000 head less than December 2017, and 2,000 head less than November 2018.

Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 53.3 billion pounds, up 0.5 percent from the October - December quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.36 million head, 18,000 head less than the July - September quarter, and 41,000 head less than the same period last year.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

